The MMEC Appoints Nick Sherer as Director of DESIGN Platform

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The MMEC proudly announces the appointment of Nick Sherer as Director of the DESIGN Platform, effective immediately. In this role, Mr. Sherer will lead the newly established DESIGN Platform, a hybrid-cloud environment designed to facilitate seamless collaboration among industry, academia, and government entities.

"Nick's leadership and extensive experience in managing complex technological environments make him the ideal choice to direct the DESIGN Platform," said Jackie Janning-Lask, MMEC CEO. "His strategic insight and proven ability to drive innovation will enhance our ability to provide efficient, secure, and scalable design solutions to our members."

With nearly 15 years of experience in strategic leadership, agile acquisitions, and technology development, Mr. Sherer brings a wealth of knowledge to his new role. Most recently, he served as MMEC's Director of Contracts, where he streamlined processes, led strategic negotiations, and strengthened MMEC's collaborative capabilities across industry, academia, and government.

Before joining MMEC, Mr. Sherer was the Division Chief of Contracting for Financial Systems, Business & Enterprise Systems at the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center. In this role, he oversaw large-scale digital enterprise acquisitions using agile software development approaches, providing critical support to national defense and economic security initiatives.

As Director of the DESIGN Platform, Mr. Sherer will oversee the development and management of a digital infrastructure that provides Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools using a cloud-agnostic approach. The platform supports both Secure/CUI and commercial data requirements, lowering barriers to participation through reduced costs, increased accessibility, and simplified technical management.

The DESIGN Platform is a key component of the Microelectronics Commons program, designed to accelerate the commercialization of semiconductor technologies. Through MMEC's execution of the Cross Hub Enablement Solution (CHES) project, the platform promotes collaboration across the national semiconductor ecosystem. NSTXL leads the CHES project and coordinates the CHES Working Group, bringing together six participating Hub members: MMEC, California DREAMS, Northwest AI, NEMC, NORDTECH, and SWAP.

"It is an honor to lead the DESIGN Platform at such a pivotal moment for the U.S. semiconductor industry," said Nick Sherer. "By providing our members with secure, efficient, and innovative design solutions, we are poised to accelerate the transition of technologies from lab to fabrication, mission deployment, and market adoption."

About the MMEC

MMEC leads the acceleration of microelectronic technologies and delivers solutions to establish a trusted and resilient domestic supply chain. The MMEC is the premier collaborative, public-private ecosystem, that engages broadly across innovative partners in industry, academia and government to rapidly advance defense and commercial applications. This unique environment empowers members to discover new technologies, share capabilities, develop a skilled workforce and launch groundbreaking innovation into scalable commercial production for the benefit of National Security and economic dominance.

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